

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claims 1 and 5, line 1, "preferably oil," has been deleted because it is an indefinite range within a range;

In claims 9 and 12, line 1, "primarily tankers in the" has been changed to ~~in~~ because it is an indefinite range within a range; and,

PAP 5/24/07 In the Abstract, lines 7, ¹⁰~~42~~, and 13, "said" has been deleted, because it is legal phraseology.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Avila whose telephone number is 571-272-6678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 7 AM to 3 PM (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Samuel J. Morano can be reached on 571-272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.